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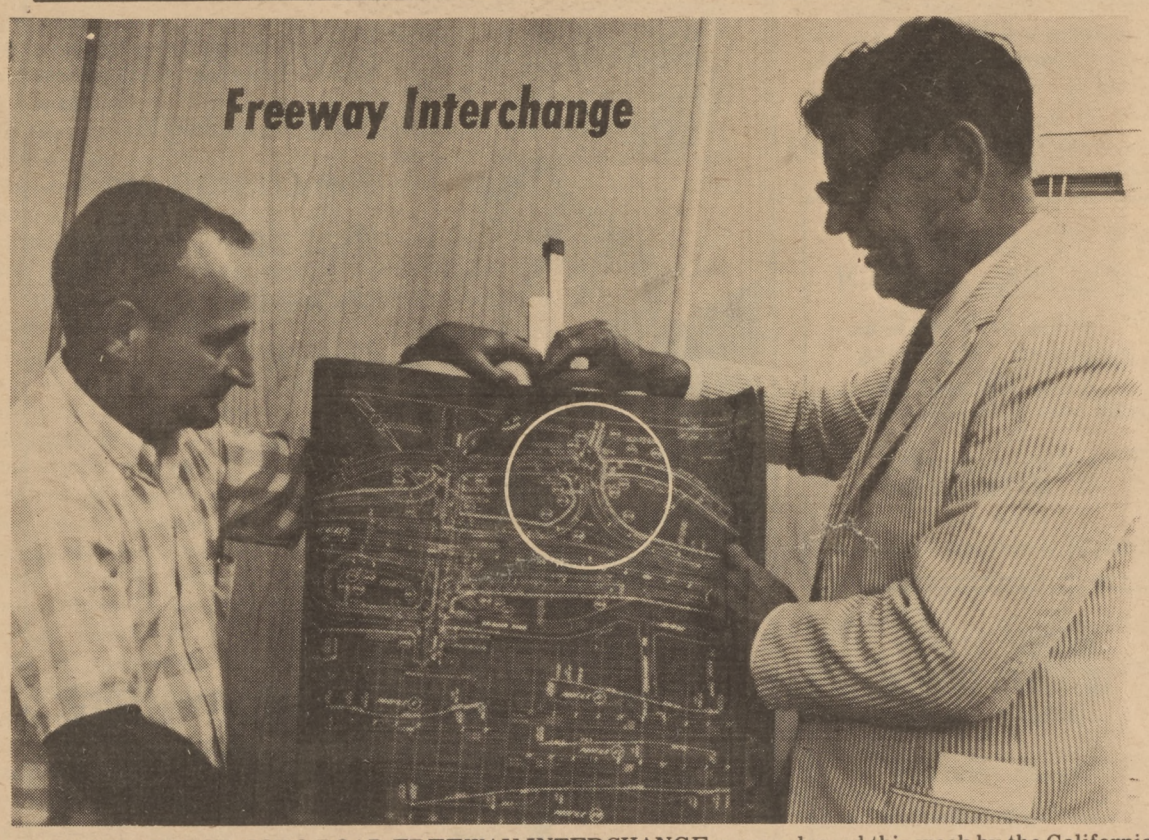

PLANS FOR THE EL TORO ROAD FREEWAY INTERCHANGE were released this week by the California State Division of Highways. Pictured above, left, is Frank R. Gary, highway resident engineer and McKay Mitchell, senior engineer, division of industrial safety. The above blue print shows that the off and on ramps on El Toro Road will be relocated and widened, with completed signal planned on Leisure World side. A wider bridge will be constructed with a complete signal also planned for the El Toro side of the freeway. Plans also call for the freeway in the El Toro area to be widened to eight lanes. Staff Photo

Eight Lane Freeway

Plans Released For New El Toro Road Freeway Interchange

By Carl E. Venstrom
Editor and Publisher

Hold your hat and sharpen your driving for the new El Toro Road Freeway Interchange.

Plans have been approved by the California State Division of Highways, a contract has been awarded to the Griffith Company of Los Angeles for the local construction and an estimated completion date has been set as late, 1968.

Frank R. Gary, highway resident engineer with offices in a trailer on the El Toro Road, said this week that the off and on ramps on El Toro Road will be relocated and widened, with completed signal planned on the Leisure World side of the freeway.

"Approved plans," said Gary, "also call for a wider bridge to be constructed with a completed signal planned for the El Toro side of the freeway." The freeway in the El Toro interchange area will also be widen to eight lanes.

This local construction is part of a much larger building program for the San Diego Freeway.

From Route 1 near San Juan Capistrano to the Route 133 (Laguna) Freeway, Interstate 5 is now being widened to provide additional capacity for anticipated traffic flow from the completed Interstate 405 Freeway.

The existing four lane freeway, according to State Division of Highway plans, will be widened to eight lanes from Route 1 near San Juan Capistrano to Interstate 405, and to six lanes from this point to the Route 133 (Laguna) Freeway. This new construction will involve 16.4 miles.

Construction costs for the above mentioned stretch is $11,411,331 and senior resident engineer for the State is J.D. Hetherington and Al Rossing is the Bridge Department representative.

Structures to be widened include: separations, Route 5 and Route 1 and Route 5 and Route 74. New construction of bridges include San Juan Creek, Trabuco Creek, Oso Creek, and Aliso Creek.

Overcrossing is also scheduled for Crown Valley Parkway and undercrossings are slated for San Juan Road, El Horno Street, Junipero Serra Road, Viejo Road, La Paz Road, El Toro Road and Irvine. An overhead is also planned for El Toro.

The final four sections of the Interstate 405 (San Diego) Freeway, the bypass route around metropolitan Los Angeles, are now under construction.

Two sections, extending for 4 1/2 miles from the present terminus at Harbor Boulevard in Costa Mesa to Jamboree Boulevard, are expected to be opened to traffic in the spring of 1968.

One section of new construction will be from Jamboree Boulevard, near Costa Mesa, to Sand Canyon Ave. Plans call for 4.3 net miles of eight lane freeway. Construction cost is $4,907,711,59. Estimated completion date is fall, 1968.

Another section of new construction is scheduled from Sand Canyon Avenue to Interstate 5 Freeway, including 3.7 net miles of eight lane freeway. This project also includes construction of 1.4 net miles of four lane freeway on Route 133 Freeway between Laguna Canyon Road and 0.3 miles south of Interstate 5 Freeway. Construction cost of this project is $5,364,711 with an estimated completion date of fall, 1968.

Separations are also planned for Interstate 405 and Route 133 and Interstate 405 and Interstate 5. An interchange is scheduled for Valencia Avenue with overcrossings at Valencia Avenue, Laguna Canyon Road and Sand Canyon Avenue.

These local links of highway construction will open this major bypass route for an uninterrupted 73 miles (48 miles in Los Angeles County and 24 miles in Orange County) from the Golden State Freeway near the San Fernando Reservior to the Santa Ana Freeway about three miles southeast of Irvine.

Construction costs, according to

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Aliso Valley Homeowners Head Beautification Drive

Members of the Aliso Valley Homeowners Assn. will be contacting homeowners in the Republic and Sunny Ray homes within the next few weeks to promote the planting of trees in their parkways, said Chuck Waltman, president of the local homeowners assn., this week.

Waltman said the Aliso Valley Homeowners Assn. intend to carry out this tree planting beautification program throughout the entire El Toro area.

A "favorable response has been given by all contacted so far," said Waltman.

The local homeowners' association met last week with residents of the Sunny Ray and Republic Homes to discuss the planting of trees in parkways. It was decided at this meeting, said Waltman, to promote the planting of trees in these areas through the purchasing of trees in large quantitys and thus getting a considerable discount.

Residents in the Pas' Verde homes have already given complete cooperation in planting trees in parkways to add to the beauty of the area. These projects, said Waltman, inspired the residents of other areas to do likewise. "The people in the Laguna North area have already purchased 225 trees for this present beautification program," said Waltman.

Bob Arp, member of the beautification Committee of the Aliso Valley Homeowners Assn., said this week "there has been 90 per cent cooperation in this tree planting project in the Laguna North, Five and Six areas."

Kiddie Movie At Olivewood

A movie "Stormy the Thoroughbred" and a Walt Disney cartoon will be shown in the multi-purpose room of the Olivewood School this Saturday, July 29.

There will be two showings of the films, one at 10 a.m. and one at 1 p.m.

The Olivewood P.T.A. is sponsoring the films and donations will be taken for 25 cents. Popcorn will be sold for 10 cents. For more information call Mrs. Nancy Blackmon, publicity chairman for the Olivewood P.T.A.

Local Fiesta A Success

"The La Paz Plaza Fiesta was a tremendous success," said Bill Wells, chairman of the Fiesta Committee this week.

Highlight of the Fiesta Week was last Saturday when La Paz Plaza shopping center in Mission Viejo provided band, booths, hot dogs, a clown, a carnival and Saturday night drawings.

Wells, manager of the Mission Viejo Branch of United California Bank, was aided in spearheading the Fiesta Week by Kerry Bachital, manager of the Plaza's Thriftimart, and Albert Farnocchia, owner-manager of Plaza Home Center.

Large crowds visited the Mission Viejo shopping center during the week with the largest turnout on Saturday, said Wells.

News Briefs

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPHOLDS DECISION -- The Co. Board of Supervisors, at a special hearing held last week, refused to overrule the Planning Commission's decision on not allowing the Heath Sign Co. a variance on a 60 foot sign in the new El Toro shopping center. The sign company made their appeal to the Board of Supervisors after having the 60 foot sign turned down by the Planning Commission.

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STREET SWEEPING -- Street Sweeping for the homes in the Republic, Sunny Ray, Laguna North (areas five, six and seven) and Pas Verde homes will be done every other Thursday, beginning the third of August and will be swept every other Thursday thereafter, announced Chuck Waltman of the Aliso Valley Homeowners Assn. this week. Waltman urges residents of these areas to remove their cars from streets during these days so the crews can do a good job.

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NEW CHURCH FOR MISSION VIEJO -- Plans to construct a Presbyterian Church in Mission Viejo have been announced by the Presbytery of Los Angeles. The church will have a Spanish architectural motif and will be located near the intersection of Marguerite and Oso Parkways, and will be within site of the Mission Viejo Golf Club.

Toastmasters To Start Local Club

An organizational meeting for Toastmasters will be held next Tuesday, July 31, at 7 p.m. in Mannings Restaurant, announced Chet Briner, of the Steering Committee, this week. Toastmaster members from other areas will attend the meeting. Cost of the dinner is $3.50. All interested men in the area are invited to attend.

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There are very few items that can enable one to grasp the American spirit as does the suburdia living. It does not only portray the constant destruction of the old values but also manifest several silent social and moral revolutions that are taking place within our society.

A suburb is a typical American invention. It was created to combine the best of the two worlds - the convenience of the city and the comforts of the country. Instead it became a happy dream and an impossible one to achieve for everyone.

It is invariably a haven for the glib real estate salesmen, zoning experts, relative haters, utopia hunters, heaven seekers, technocrats, and the fresh-air lovers. It is at once a place to get rooted, rutted and rotten if one does not succumb to the forces of conformity, complacency and idiocy.

New suburbia livers start out by getting anchored by a large mortgage and various loans to cover complete landscaping both in the front and rear yards, installations of patio covers and screened patios, a swimming pool, and an air-conditioner. Later a new transformation takes place. A trailer gets hitched to the station wagon and the family is gone for camping every weekend. If the credit is still good, the trailer is replaced by a power boat. Still later the family invests in the ski-equipment and some members of the family return home with broken legs.

When this stage is reached, it is time for the family to hunt for a new and more expensive suburb which the old neighbors can not afford.

I am myself a veteran suburbia dweller. I think I have found the secret to be at peace with my lot. I brag to my city-dwelling friends about the absence of smog, lack of crime, a magnificient church, an excellent school system, and no welfare handouts. When it comes to my own neighborhood, I ignore my neighbor who has isolated himself from me by means of of a seven-foot tall fence, raise hell at the rising taxes, and too many school bonds and bewail at the mushrooming inept local governments.

In spite of my light-hearted criticism of the suburbia living, I firmly believe that the present confusion will be replaced by more sane values that will not only enable each citizen to find the purpose or mission of his life but also enable him to relate himself properly to his fellowman.

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the American Cancer Society Volunteers, who brought in $457.89 in the "Neighbor to Neighbor" residential crusade of 1967.

To the citizens of El Toro, who made this possible with their generous donations a million thanks from the American Cancer Society and their volunteers.

Very Sincerely,
Mrs. Calvin J. Lindley
El Toro Chairman
A.C.S. 1967 Crusade

Saddleback Kiwanis Club of Laguna Hills Holds 'Charter Night' at Newporter Inn

The Saddleback Kiwanis Club of Laguna Hills held its "Charter Night" last Saturday night at the Newporter Inn where more than 200 people witnessed the formal presentation of the Club's charter.

Guests from Division Four, including the California-Nevada-Hawaii Districts were present. Presiding officer and master of ceremonies was Paul Kroesen who is Lt. Governor of the Division. Harold M. Hindbaugh, president-elect of Kiwanis International, was present as well as Maurice Gladman of Division Four.

The Kiwanis Club of Laguna Hills was the sponsoring club for the newly formed Saddleback unit. Officers of the newly formed club that attended the semi-formal Charter Night Banquet, with their wives, included Maury Ramsey, president; Bill Wells,. first vice president; Bob Perdue, secretary and Dick Deichert, treasurer.

The Saddleback Kiwanis Club of Laguna Hills meets every Monday at noon at Clubhouse No. 2 in Leisure World, which is located above the golf course.

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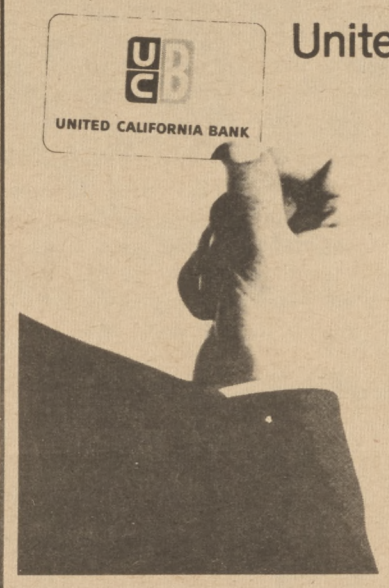

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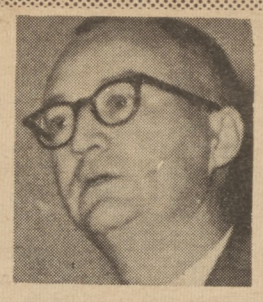

Taxes, taxes, taxes. One of the more frequent topics of conversation in today's society is the problem of taxes. We are apparently faced with the prospect of an increase in both Federal and State income taxes this year.

To make things worse, as our incomes rise, the Federal income tax strain becomes more and more burdensome. Sometimes it even seems that the more we make the less we keep.

For people who are interested in, and need, an increase in spendable income, there is a form of investment that provides tax-free income. Public bonds, commonly referred to as municipal bonds, or "munis", offer attractive yields. They have a record of prompt payment of principal and interest. In terms of quality, they are considered to be second to U.S. Government bonds. Most important - income received from an investment in municipal bonds is completely free from Federal income tax.

Although called "municipal bond", they are not just bonds issued by cities or towns. Bonds issued by states, counties, municipalities and other political subdivisions of the United States are public bonds or municipal bonds.

In addition to being free from Federal income taxes, many states do not collect income tax on the interest on bonds issued within their borders. California, for example, does not collect income tax on more of the California municipal bonds. This includes state, county and other political subdivisions within the state.

Normally, the interest rate on municipal bonds appears to be somewhat lower than the income from some other types of investments. However, when one considers the tax-free aspect, the picture changes.

Tax-equivalent tables are available to show the differences in spendable income from tax exempt and taxable income. Here are a couple of examples: If you are in the 8 to 12 thousand dollar taxable income bracket and file a joint return, a municipal bond yielding 4.10% is the equivalent of a taxable income investment that yields 5.26%. If you are in the 20 to 24 thousand dollar bracket, the same bond is equivalent to a taxable yield of 6.03 percent. (The foregoing information is based on Federal income tax rates in effect April 1, 1966).

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El Toro Road Interchange

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the reports of the California State Division of Highways, of Interstate 5 over its entire length will approach $180 million. Right-of-way costs totaled nearly $100 million.

The eight lane San Diego will connect with more than a score of planned and completed freeways, including such vital operating routes as the Newport, Garden Grove, San Gabriel River, Long Beach, Harbor, Santa Monica and Ventura, plus terminal junctions with the Santa Ana Freeway in Orange County and with the Golden State Freeway near the north city limits of Los Angeles.

State Highway officials have requested parents "to help by instructing youngsters to keep clear of the construction area, and never to play on or near equipment, bridge scaffolding and falsework."

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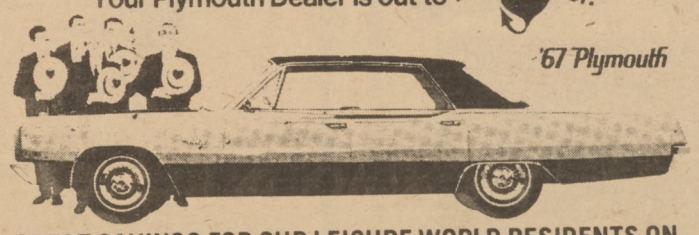

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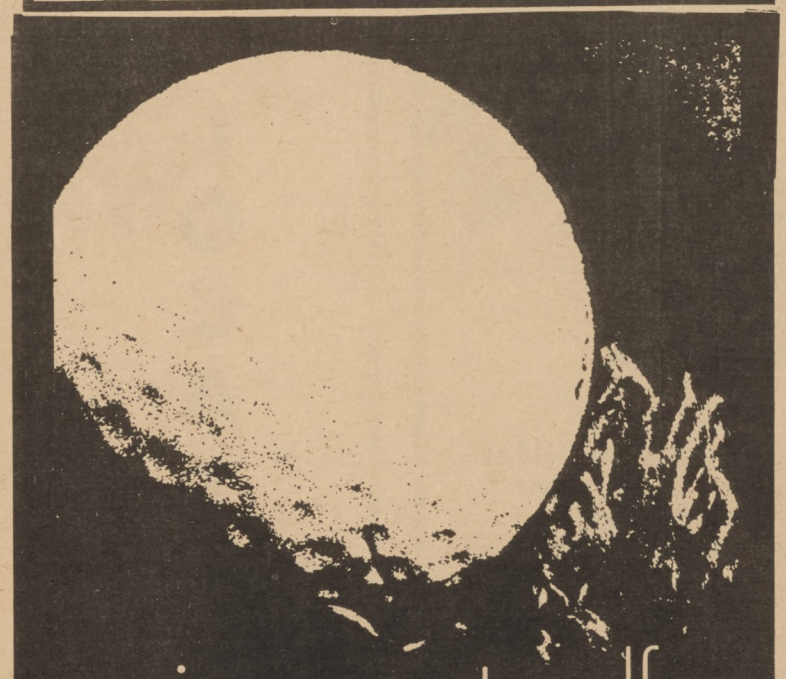
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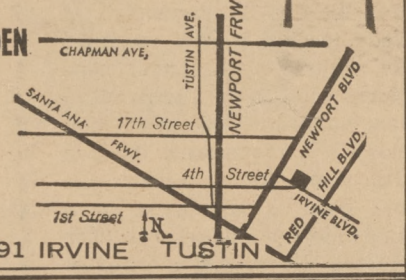

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